

My wife and I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the Planning Application submitted by Bargate Homes for a Phase 2 development of an extra 43 homes in Lower Road at Bedhampton.

We have lived in Bedhampton (Maylands Road) for 38 years and do not wish to see any more development which affects the heritage conservation area.

We have a number of concerns, especially the additional road traffic that this will generate on the mini roundabout at the bottom of Maylands Road. Since the new houses were built on the land adjoining the A3M at the top of Brooklands Road the traffic in Maylands Road (between Brooklands Road and the mini roundabout) has increased significantly and this causes delays in peak times when trying to access the roundabout. It is, at times, very dangerous to pull out onto the roundabout from our road as many cars do not stop when coming down Portsdown Hill Road. With an additional 93 houses needing access to Lower Road we can also visualise cars queueing to turn right into Brookside Road, probably impacting on the roundabout, causing more congestion.

We were very disappointed when the Government overruled Havant Council's planning refusal to build 50 houses on the greenfield site south of Lower Road as this will cause serious traffic hazards and harm to the village area of Old Bedhampton and its heritage.

The safety issue relating to vehicle traffic is particularly severe through the narrow, blind double bends with no pavements or, indeed, room for any. When vehicles from different directions enter this section of road an accident involving pedestrians/ vehicles etc is waiting to happen. This is particularly paramount bearing in mind children and elderly/disabled pedestrians use the road frequently. There is very little room for two cars to pass (especially with large 4x4s people seem to have these days and delivery vans and lorries), and a pedestrian to pass. This is already occurring on a regular basis - even before the first 50 houses have been built.

The Government has announced that there should be "no more house building on greenfield sites" and on this basis I urge you to refuse planning permission. Havant Borough Council refused planning permission for the first 50 houses and as the arguments are the same for Phase 2 (but the impact will be greater) Phase 2 proposing an extra 43 houses must not go ahead.